



IMPERIAL VALLEY COLLEGE

Note to Instructor: Replace the placeholder text beneath the headings with the appropriate information for your course. Please note that all sections, with the exception of "Other Course Information," are required elements.

Basic Course Information

Semester:	Fall 2025 ENGL C1000 –	Instructor Name:	Jay Lewenstein
Course Title & #:	Academic Reading and Writing	Email:	jay.lewenstein@imperial.edu
CRN #:	11274	Webpage (optional):	
Classroom:	Room 301	Office #:	n/a
Class Dates:	Aug. 11, 2025 thru Dec. 6, 2025	Office Hours:	Tuesdays and Thursdays : 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM on ZOOM
Class Days:	Mondays and Wednesdays	Office Phone #:	(760) 355-6337 (Division Office)
Class Times:	08:00 AM - 10:05 AM	Emergency Contact:	(760) 355-6337 (Lency Lucas – English Division Secretary)
Units:	4.0	Class Format/Modality:	RT - ONLINE

Course Description

In this course, students receive instruction in academic reading and writing, including writing processes, effective use of language, analytical thinking, and the foundations of academic research. (Formerly ENGL 110)(C-ID: ENGL 100)(CSU/UC)

Additional Description Information:

Limitation on Enrollment: Course not open to students with a C or higher in ENGL105 or ESL 108.

Course Prerequisite(s) and/or Corequisite(s)

PREREQUISITES: - Placement as determined by the college's multiple measures assessment process.

Student Learning Outcomes

Upon course completion, the successful student will have acquired new skills, knowledge, and or attitudes as demonstrated by being able to:

1. Compose college-level essays that contain clear thesis statements, effective support, and unified organization.
2. Synthesize information from multiple sources to produce a research paper that is formatted and documented according to MLA guidelines.
3. Demonstrate an ability to comprehend and interpret a variety of college-level texts, including complex arguments, without relying on outside sources for assistance.

Course Objectives

Upon satisfactory completion of the course, students will be able to:

Part 1:

1. Read analytically to understand and respond to diverse academic texts.
2. Compose thesis-driven academic writing that demonstrates analysis and synthesis of sources as appropriate to the rhetorical situation.

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3. Demonstrate strategies for planning, outlining, drafting, revising, editing, and proofreading written work.
- Part 2:
1. Compose unified essays that include support for the thesis statement, clear development, and effective transitions
 2. Demonstrate a thorough understanding of research strategies and library skills (including electronic databases) to identify and evaluate resources for a research paper
 3. Synthesize information from multiple sources to produce a research paper that is formatted and documented according to MLA guidelines
 4. Demonstrate a command of rules regarding plagiarism and academic ethics

Textbooks & Other Resources or Links

1. Novel Reading Project: *Paradise Travel*

Here is publication information: Author: Franco, Jorge. Title: *Paradise Travel*. Publisher: Farrar, Straus and Giroux. Here is ISBN number: ISBN-13978-0374229771. **Jay's Tip:** Buy it on Kindle thru Amazon.com (\$12).

2. Required Textbook: *POCKET STYLE GUIDE* (from OER/ Zero Textbook Cost (ZTC) List)

- Available for purchase in the IVC Bookstore, Monday, August 11.

Jay's Note: Below I insert a link to a PDF copy - I plan to integrate materials from this text into my Canvas assignments.

[Pocket Style Guide - Samra et al..pdf](#)Open this document with ReadSpeaker docReader [Download Pocket Style Guide - Samra et al..pdf](#)Open this document with ReadSpeaker docReader

Jay's Tip:

This summer we will ELEVATE our RESEARCH SKILLS. You will learn IMPORTANT ACADEMIC SKILLS that will enable you to SUCCEED at the next LEVEL. DON'T BE ONE OF THOSE GUYS - THAT COMES TO CLASS WITHOUT THE BOOK - YOUR SEMESTER GRADE WILL DEPEND ON YOUR CLASSROOM RESEARCH - YOUR POCKET STYLE GUIDE WILL BECOME YOUR BEST FRIEND. CHEAP!

Any Questions - Please contact me here: jay.lewenstein@imperial.edu

Course Requirements and Instructional Methods

Canvas Assignments - Students will be required to submit their assignments on Canvas. This goes for what we do INSIDE the classroom and OUTSIDE.

- **ALL** assignments are pre-arranged and organized in **CANVAS MODULES** - Weeks One through Sixteen - **All deadlines are SET.**
- My assignments are designed to help you meet the standards of the course.
- **Your instructor is very flexible and supportive** - If you need to contact me, contact me here: jay.lewenstein@imperial.edu
- LET'S WORK TOGETHER
- To Get Started, Go Modules - Week One - Your Assignments Will Look Like This:

Home	WEEK ONE - Aug. 12 thru Aug. 18	✓	+	⋮
Modules	ABOUT ME	✓		⋮
Announcements	Padlet - Jay's Intro - "About Me" Post - SHORT and SWEET - Watch the iINSTRUCTIONAL Video - See Jay's Padlet - Check Out "Guest Student"	✓		⋮
Attendance	Samples - It's FUN and QUICK Aug 14 100 pts	✓		⋮
Assignments	"About Me" Page - DISCUSSION BOARD - Use Jay's Graphic Organizer - See Jay's Model - Introduce Yourself to Your Classmates Aug 17 300 pts	✓		⋮
Discussions	Community Profile	✓		⋮
Grades	Community Profile - Freewrite - Let's Get the Ball Rolling - 300 Words - Don't Forget to Reply to TWO Classmates - Insert an Image at the Top Aug 16 0 pts	✓		⋮
People	Reading Response Activity - Sandra C. - "Only Daughter"	✓		⋮
Pages	Only Daughter - Sandra Cisneros - Multiple Choice Quiz - Aug 13 60 pts	✓		⋮
TechConnect Zoom	Only Daughter - Sandra Cisneros - Reading Response Paragraph - Submit Your GROUP PARAGRAPH Here for Individual Credit! Aug 15 100 pts	✓		⋮
Syllabus	Jay's Facebook Extra-Credit - Sandra Cisneros - "Only Daughter" - Submit Your Reaction to Sandra's Essay in Facebook Comment Box- QUICK and EAZY Aug 18 0 pts	✓		⋮
Files				
Outcomes				
Rubrics				
Quizzes				
BigBlueButton				
Collaborations				
Purchase Course				

Course Grading Based on Course Objectives



- **Late Work will be Accepted – with Marginal Late Penalty.**
- Go to Jay's Second-Chance Store in Student Orientation Modules for more detailed information – ONLY ONE REQUEST AT-A-TIME WILL BE ACCEPTED – After THREE requests, I begin assessing more significant late penalties.



Academic Honesty (Artificial Intelligence -AI)

IVC values critical thinking and communication skills and considers academic integrity essential to learning. Using AI tools as a replacement for your own thinking, writing, or quantitative reasoning goes against both our mission and academic honesty policy and will be considered academic dishonesty, or plagiarism unless you have been instructed to do so by your instructor. In case of any uncertainty regarding the ethical use of AI tools, students are encouraged to reach out to their instructors for clarification.

Accessibility Statement

Imperial Valley College is committed to providing an accessible learning experience for all students, regardless of course modality. Every effort has been made to ensure that this course complies with all state and federal accessibility regulations, including Section 508 of the Rehabilitation Act, the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), and Title 5 of the California Code of Regulations. However, if you encounter any content that is not accessible, please contact your instructor or the area dean for assistance. If you have specific accommodations through **DSPS**, contact them for additional assistance.

We are here to support you and ensure that you have equal access to all course materials.

Course Policies

Attendance: A student who fails to attend the first meeting of a class or does not complete the first mandatory activity of an online class will be dropped by the instructor as of the first official meeting of that class. Should readmission be desired, the student's status will be the same as that of any other student who desires to add a class. It is the student's responsibility to drop or officially withdraw from the class. See General Catalog for details.

Other Course Information

[Optionally, include other necessary information.]

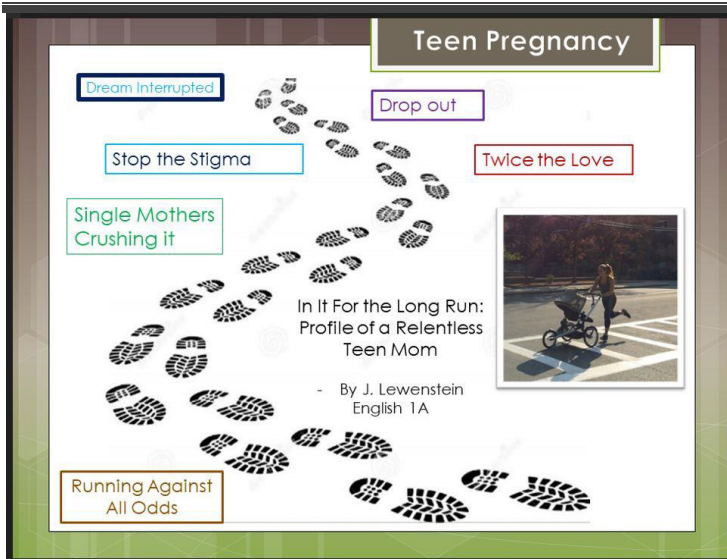
Financial Aid

Your Grades Matter! In order to continue to receive financial aid, you must meet the Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) requirement. Making SAP means that you are maintaining a 2.0 GPA, you have successfully completed 67% of your coursework, and you will graduate on time. If you do not maintain SAP, you may lose your financial aid. If you have questions, please contact financial aid at finaid@imperial.edu.

IVC Student Resources

IVC wants you to be successful in all aspects of your education. For help, resources, services, and an explanation of policies, visit <http://www.imperial.edu/studentresources> or click the heart icon in Canvas.








Anticipated Class Schedule/Calendar



All assignments, quizzes, and activities have been published on Canvas Modules – Week ONE thru SIXTEEN.
*****Subject to change without prior notice*****

To enter Class Module Page, click here: <https://imperial.instructure.com/courses/28941/modules>

For more detailed instruction and information about deadlines, you can click on the assignment of your choice. They will appear like this:

▼ WEEK EIGHT - SEPT 29 thru OCT. 4			✓	+	⋮
⋮	 Jay's COMMUNITY PROFILE Research Project - Mind Map - Getting Started - In-Class Activity	Sep 30 100 pts	✓		⋮
⋮	 Jay's COMMUNITY PROFILE Research Project - Mind Map (Part II) - DISCUSSION BOARD - In-Class Activity - Represent Your MLA FORMAL OUTLINE Ideas in a Visual Way - See Student Samples	Oct 2 400 pts	✓		⋮
⋮	 FINAL, FINAL COMMUNITY PROFILE RESEARCH PAPER- SUBMIT YOUR MLA ESSAY IN TWO FORMATS on CANVAS- ONE OF THEM NEEDS TO BE IN WORD! - This is a DISCUSSION BOARD - Don't forget to leave EXCELLENT COMMENTS to TWO CLASSMATES.	Oct 3 800 pts	✓		⋮
⋮	PARADISE TRAVEL - CHAPTER QUIZZES		✓		⋮
⋮	 29. Paraiso Travel - Chapter Twenty-Nine - It was impossible to stay awake any longer.	Sep 29 40 pts	✓		⋮
⋮	 30. Paraiso Travel - Chapter Thirty - On New Year's Day, I cursed Reina.	Sep 30 60 pts	✓		⋮
⋮	 31. Paraiso Travel - Chapter Thirty-One - They say the best part of winter is waiting for spring.	Oct 1 60 pts	✓		⋮
⋮	 32. Paraiso Travel - Chapter Thirty-Two - The lights of Miami bounce off a black cloud.	Oct 2 44 pts	✓		⋮



As your instructor, I reserve the right to ADD, SUBTRACT, or CHANGE assignments depending on student needs.

Should you have any questions, it's best to contact me by email: jay.lewenstein@imperial.edu

This is going to be a GREAT semester. You will SEE.